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Sri ANTONY PETER :—" May I know if this scheme was given up after investigation and if so what were the unfavourable points against executing the same? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. It has been examined; I can say with regard to any irrigation improvement to Pudukkottai by tapping the Cauvery as suggested by the hon. Member, the Cauvery water will have to run untapped for 80 miles or so and its water cannot be used for any irrigation purpose before it reaches Pudukkottai; in this distance of 80 miles, during this transmission, 30 per cent of the water will be wasted; this scheme, even when executed will only benefit a small area of 2,300 acres or so and the cost involved will be very considerable. I may add that the area in question will receive some benefit from the Ulagavayal channel extension scheme."

Sri S. VENKATRAMA AYYAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to adhere to their declared policy which was evolved even from the very inception of the Cauvery-Mettur Project Scheme, viz., that the Cauvery water should not be diverted to other areas till the ayacut intended to be irrigated in the Tanjore district is fully served? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I think this is an answer to the question previously put by an hon. Member."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI.—" காவேரி தண்ணீர் தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவுக்கு மட்டும் தானா அல்லது காவேரி பாயும் மற்ற எல்லா இடங்களுக்கும் உண்டா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I should like to know who is to answer the question whether the hon. Member who put the previous question or I."

Grant to the Young Men's Club, Azhikkode. 11 a.m.

*169 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 25th May 1952, from the Secretary, Azhikkode Young Men's Club, Azhikkode, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, requesting the Government to give financial help to them for free first-aid help and medical treatment they are given to the poor people; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The memorandum referred to was received and duly considered by the Government and it was decided that no grant could be given to the Club."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that in so many villages generally and particularly in this village, there is no rural dispensary run by the Government, when a public organization takes up the work of giving first aid, why should not the Government consider this case and give subsidies to aid the poor people? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is not usual to pay grants to social service organizations for activities of the kind referred to. I think the organization can apply to the Central Welfare Board for help."

Appointment of a Court of Enquiry to go into the condition of press workers.

* 170 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to appoint a Court of Enquiry to go into the condition of press workers in this State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, as far as I remember, previously the Government appointed committees of enquiry to go into the condition of press workers in this State. In view of this arrangement already made by the Government, may I know whether the Government will consider the appointment of a Court of Enquiry to go into the condition of these workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I am not aware of any such committee, since we took over office. We have already appointed Enquiry Committees regarding cement and Minor Engineering Works and let us await their report and see whether there is unanimity between the workers and managements. Then we can think of a fresh enquiry committee but it involves time, labour and money."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. the Labour Minister has on the floor of this Assembly, said that, as far as labour enquiries were concerned, he would be pleased to consider the appointment of Courts of Enquiry for so many industries. In view of this, and in view of the fact that the press labourers also are workers getting Rs. 4, 5 or 6 a month and in view of their condition being worse, will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry into their condition? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Even if I made such a statement, subsequent information and subsequent events may call for a change of policy. There is nothing like a settled policy. It is changing. Let us, therefore, wait for the reports of the enquiry committee and consider the matter dispassionately."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, on a point of order. Whenever we make suggestions like these and ask whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to appoint committees, etc., you are pleased to return those questions saying that these suggestions amount to making suggestions . . ."